

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES
WORK SESSION OF June 20, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-17
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3:00 P.M.



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The Board of County Commissioners met in work session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

Chris Boys, Chairman (Absent)
Shawn Tasset, Commissioner
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert, County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Vice Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. He announced no action would be taken.

Election Office: Appointments
Resolution for Ford County National Motto

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS

Chris Boys, Chairman

ATTEST:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk

FORD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING MINUTES

MEETING OF June 20, 2022
MEETING NUMBER 2022-18
COMMISSION CHAMBERS
3:30 P.M.



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The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commission Chambers at the Ford County Government Center.

Those present were:

Chris Boys, Chairman (Absent)
Ken W. Snook, Commissioner
Shawn Tasset, Commissioner

J.D. Gilbert County Administrator
Debbie Cox, County Clerk

Vice Chairman Tasset called the meeting to order. Pastor Josh Smith, Cross Connections Church led the group in prayer, followed by Vice Chairman Tasset who led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2022-15; 2022-16
Cooperating Agency Agreement with Dodge City Community College
Fireworks License: A & A Fireworks

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to table the approval of the minutes to the July 5, 2022 meeting, as he was not present at these meetings. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the remaining portion of the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Approval of Claims for Payment: \$305,860.63

Commissioner Snook moved to pay the claims as presented. Vice Chairman Tasset seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Open Public Comment – None

Unfinished Business

Farm Lease: S ½ of Section 22, Township 25 S, Range 25 W

This was tabled from the June 6, 2022 meeting. Mr. Glenn Kerbs, Ford County Legal Counsel, presented for approval of a draft of the 5 year farm lease and bid specs. Modifications were made to the previous lease, as requested by the board.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 5-year farm lease, bid specs and farm lease, as presented and to place the public notice to bid this week. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Legal Counsel

Expanded Sunday Sales Amendment

Ford County Legal Counsel, Mr. Glenn Kerbs discussed the amendment. The board passed a resolution for Sunday CMB two weeks ago. The City is also looking at this issue. The CMB Statutes are confusing; there are many inconsistencies with Beer Sales and Liquor Sales. The City Legal Counsel Mr. Ralph and Mr. Kerbs are in contact with the ABC to get a better understanding of what they are meaning in the Statutes. The resolution is running the time it will be effective August 15, 2022. The board can repeal the resolution and adopt a new resolution, or table this for now giving more time to hear from the State for answers.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to table to the first meeting in August. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. Mr. Kerbs stated he would like to bring it back to the next meeting. They should hear from the state by then.

Vice Chairman rescinded his motion and restated to table until the first meeting in July. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

County Administrator's Report

Resolution: Tax Increment Financing District

Mr. Garth Herrmann of Gilmore Bell discussed the Resolution 2022-22 with the Board. This resolution is for the Tax Increment Financing District. This public financing method is used as a subsidy for redevelopment, infrastructure, and other community-improvement projects.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to adopt Resolution 2022-22 regarding the Tax Increment Financing District. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Ford County Engineer Report

Ford County Engineer Jon Halbgewachs updated the board on his current projects.

Iron Star wind Farm w/Engie - Iron Star Wind has completed repair work. Kirkham Michael's opinion is that the Road Use and Maintenance Agreement can be closed.

US Highway 50 expansion west of Dodge City to Cimarron - In Gray County, contractors have been constructing reinforced concrete boxes and moving dirt to build road grade. In Ford County, contractors have placed temporary concrete barrier wall, placed erosion control devices, and have started demolition on existing reinforced concrete box structures.

Hilmar Cheese Plant Traffic Impact Study – Kirkham Michael is working on final plans for constructing concrete pavement on 112 and Outlaw Roads with the goal for submitting them for KDOT review in August. SMH is working on acquiring right of way and temporary construction easements along 112 and Outlaw Roads.

Low Water Crossing on 127 Road between Kettle and Marshall Roads – Kirkham Michael requested the Corps of Engineers define streambank full to allow us to confirm that the proposed culverts will provide sufficient capacity for the permits. We have not yet received a response.

Jewell Road Reclamation completed in 2021 – Cracks have been observed in the newly placed asphalt pavement. Terracon has extracted soil borings and core samples of the asphalt and cement treated base for evaluation. Terracon anticipates receiving results of the testing by early July.

KDOT Passing Lane Projects in Ford County – have been moved to the October August 2022 bid letting. The general location descriptions are: 1. KDOT Proj #3234: on US-50, starting at the end of the concrete pavement northeast of Dodge City to 1.4 miles east of 126 Road near Spearville.

2. KDOT Proj #5780: On US-50, starting 1.4 miles east of 126 Road, then east 2.18 miles east of Spearville.

Pioneer Creek Wind Farm w/NextEra south of Wright - NextEra requested to delay their CUP consideration until a later date. It is Ford County's understanding that they intend to increase the footprint and capacity of the wind farm.

Grainbelt Express Power Line – Developer has advised that they have pushed off the proposed start of construction from early 2022 to early 2023, with completion by end of 2025.

New Business: 123 Road timber culvert replacement about ½ mile north of Jewell Road. Road and bridge requested KM to submit permits to replace this failing structure. We are working on the hydraulic modeling and will submit permits in the near future.

Catholic Charities of SW Kansas: 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement

Deborah J Snapp, Executive Director, Catholic Charities of SWK, is asking for approval of the 2022 ESG Cares Act service agreement.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement for Catholic Charities of SW Kansas. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion.

Motion carried 2-0.

Crisis Center: 2022 Emergency solutions Grant Service Agreement

Tammie West, Executive Director of the Crisis Center, is asking for approval of the 2022 ESG Cares Act grant service agreement.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the 2022 Emergency Solutions Grant Service Agreement for the Crisis Center. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Planning and Zoning: Rezone / 11295 112 Road

Planning and Zoning Director Melissa Drake asked that this item be tabled to the July 5th meeting.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to table to the next meeting per request. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

RFP Results: Energy Performance Contracting Project

County Administrator J.D. Gilbert is recommending this item be tabled until the July 5, 2022 County Commission meeting.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to table this per request to the next meeting, July 5, 2022. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Mileage Rates

Ford County Clerk Debbie Cox stated the Internal Revenue Service is revising the optional standard mileage rates for computing the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, and for determining the reimbursed amount of mileage. The I.R.S. rate change is from 0.52 per mile to 0.625 cents, on or after July 1, 2022. The County follows what District Court is approved through the State. As yet the District Court is at .56 per mile.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the rate per mile change to .625, pending the state's decision. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Election Office: Appointments.

Ford County Election Officer Debbie Cox is asking the Commission to appoint one person from each party, per Statute 25-2708 to supervise the shredding of the 2020 primary ballots. The recommendations: Jan Scoggins from the Democratic Party, with Kathy Redman as alternate; Michelle Salinas from the Republican Party, with Nicole Nagle as alternate.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve the appointments, as recommended. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Election Office: August 2 Primary Election / Canvass Date

Ford County Election Officer Debbie Cox is asking to set the date of the Canvass of votes for the Primary Election to be held on August 8, 2022 at 9:00 am.

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to approve date of August 8, 2022 at 9:00 am for the Canvas for the August 2, 2022 primary election. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

Upcoming Meetings

Next regular County Commission Meeting is scheduled for July 5, 2022 at the regular start time
National Association of Counties, (NACO) annual Conference & Exposition: July 21-24, 2022;
Gaylord Rockies Resort & Convention Center, Adams County / Aurora, Colorado
Election 101: June 23, 2022 in the Lobby of the Ford County Government Center, 6:00 pm.
Joint City County Public Hearing: August 1, 2022 at 5:30 pm, The Depot

Adjournment

Vice Chairman Tasset moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:21 pm. Commissioner Snook seconded the motion. **Motion carried 2-0.**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FORD COUNTY, KANSAS**

Chris Boys, Chairman

Attested:

Debbie Cox, County Clerk